

DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

DIVISION OF ST. CROIX

SUZETTE RICHARDS,  
Plaintiff,  
v.

2003-CV-0079

DUKE UNIVERSITY, DUKE  
UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW,  
DUKE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES, NANNERL KEOHANE,  
in her personal and official Capacity  
as President of Duke University,  
GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY,  
GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW  
CENTER, ALBERTO GONZALES in  
his official Capacity as Attorney  
General of the United States,  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF  
INVESTIGATION, U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, JOHN  
AND JANE DOES 1-10, WILLIAM H.  
GATES III. in his Personal and  
Official Capacity as Chairman of  
Microsoft Corporation, STEVE  
BALLMER in his Personal and  
Official Capacity as Chief Executive  
Officer of Microsoft Corporation,  
MICROSOFT CORPORATION,  
MICROSOFT EMPLOYEES A-J,  
MELINDA GATES,  
Defendants.

TO: See attached distribution list.

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**ORDER GRANTING IN PART AND DENYING IN PART REQUEST FOR  
PAYMENT OF FEES FOR SERVICES RENDERED AS *GUARDIAN AD LITEM***

THIS MATTER came before the Court for consideration upon Chetema Lucas Francis, Esq.'s Request For Payment of Fees For Services Rendered as *Guardian ad Litem* For Suzette Richards in Response to Court Order Dated July 17, 2007 (Docket No. 232).

Having reviewed the said request, the Court finds that Attorney Lucas Francis has not justified her requested hourly rate of \$250.00. The Court finds that, as a member of the Virgin Islands Bar, serving as court-appointed counsel is mandatory. Nothing in the said request speaks to being exempt from such requirement. Consequently, the Court will authorize the payment of fees at the rate of \$90.00 per hour. The Court will not reduce the amount of time claimed nor the costs expended. The payment amount to Chetema Lucas Francis, Esq., will be \$3,429.00 in fees, plus \$739.25 in costs, totaling \$4,168.25.

Accordingly, it is now hereby **ORDERED**:

1. Request For Payment of Fees For Services Rendered as *Guardian ad Litem* For Suzette Richards in Response to Court Order Dated July 17, 2007 (Docket No. 232) is **GRANTED IN PART** and **DENIED IN PART**.
2. The Court authorizes payment to Chetema Lucas Francis, Esq., in the amount of **\$4,168.25**.

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Dated: October 23, 2007

/s/

GEORGE W. CANNON, JR.  
U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

cc: **Suzette Richards, Esq.**  
**Chetema Lucas Francis, Esq.**  
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**Richard H. Hunter, Esq.**  
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**Henry L. Feuerzeig, Esq.**